



Margin Compression Drives Earnings Miss

Dallah announced disappointing end to a challenging 2018 with -49% Y/Y EPS decline to SAR 0.55, widely missing our SAR 0.88 estimate. While revenues were inline, preliminary results suggest dramatic escalation in personnel costs, severely compressing margins. We believe most of the challenges of 2018 will persist through the next 4 quarters, unless MoH privatization suddenly accelerates. YTD shares have bounced nearly +21% and could see further gains as foreign investors add Saudi equities. Maintain Hold and SAR 80 target price, representing 22x 2019E EV/EBITDA. We highlight that KSA healthcare is trading at a discount EV/EBITDA to EM peers (14.8x vs 15.2x) – a rarity on this market and historical context.

Revenue slides on weak patient numbers

Revenues of SAR 318 mln (-2% Y/Y) met our forecast and topped consensus SAR 297 mln. We expected Namar to see improved patient figures as Dallah signed several insurance clients (Bupa, Tawuniya and Rajhi), supplementing cash customers. However, patient numbers at Nakheel moderated due to departing foreign workers and families. In 2017, Dallah served some 1,113k outpatients and 42k inpatients, while through 9M18, OP declined -1.1% (781k) and IP dropped -6.7% (28k). For F2019, we are projecting +3.8% revenue growth as Namar continues to ramp-up and patients at Nakheel stabilize.

Gross margin suffers from rising personnel costs

Gross margin sharply contracted to 35% from 48% in year ago period on foreign worker fees (likely backloaded) and increased utilization of outsourced personnel (both medical and non-medical). We project margins stabilizing in the mid-30% neighborhood, as 20% Namar discounts dilute overall pricing strategy. Key unknown at this point, in our view, remains pricing at Nakheel if patient traffic continues to moderate.

Similar challenges to persist in 2019

Operating income declined -55% Y/Y to SAR 34 mln on slightly higher than expected opex. Meanwhile net income declined -49% Y/Y to SAR 33 mln, widely missing our and consensus forecast. Aside from improved Namar metrics, we see most of the headwinds from 2018 to persist into 2019, including low pricing power, increased capacity and rising costs. Key catalyst will be M&A activity as sector challenges pressure weaker providers. Further, we sense higher urgency towards privatization and sector reforms. Our channel checks indicate that corporatization of MoH assets is progressing.

Cash dividend cut but bonus shares to supplement

Cash DPS for F2018 was cut to SAR 1.50 from SAR 2.50 in prior year, however planned capital increase to SAR 750 mln from SAR 590 mln, will supplement with bonus shares.

SAR mln	4Q18	4Q18E	4Q17	Y/Y Chg	3Q18	Q/Q Chg	Variance	Consensus
Sales	318	317	326	-2%	281	13%	0%	297
Gross profit	111	127	148	-25%	101	9%	-13%	
Gross margin	35%	40%	45%		36%			
Operating profit	34	53	75	-55%	33	1%	-36%	36
Operating margin	11%	17%	23%		12%			12%
Net income	33	52	63	-49%	32	0%	-37%	38
Net margin	10%	16%	19%		12%			13%
EPS (SAR)	0.55	0.88	1.07	-49%	0.55	0%	-37%	0.64

SAR 80

12-Month Target price

Hold

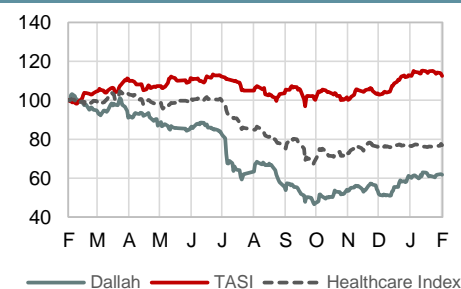
Recommendation

Stock Details		
Last Close Price	SAR	67.70
Upside to target	%	18.2
Market Capitalization	SAR mln	3,994
Shares Outstanding	mln	59
52-Week High – Low	SAR	113.60 – 50.10
Price Change (YTD)	%	20.5
3-Mth ADTV	thd	187
EBITDA 2019E	SAR mln	245
Reuters / Bloomberg	4004.SE	DALLAH AB

SAR mln	2018	2019E	2020E
Revenues	1,181	1,226	1,266
Gross Margin	37%	38%	37%
EBIT	146	159	165
Operating Margin	12%	13%	13%
Net Income	142	147	149
Net Margin	12%	12%	12%
EPS (SAR)	2.40	2.49	2.53
DPS (SAR)	1.50	1.50	1.50

Price Multiples			
	2018	2019E	2020E
P / E	28.2x	27.2x	26.7x
EV / EBITDA	21.5x	19.1x	18.0x
P / S	3.4x	3.3x	3.2x
P / B	2.4x	2.3x	2.2x

1-Year Share Performance (rebased)



Source: Bloomberg, Tadawul, SFC

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